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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Food Processing Industries (FPI) operating in the country, State −wise;

(b) the number of export oriented FP Units and the number of FP Units to meet the local market demand;

(c) whether any specific programmes have been chalked out for setting up food processing industries during the Tenth Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken to develop food processing industries in the eastern States of the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (e): Food Processing Industries operate both in the organised and unorganised sector. Most of the processedfood items have been exempted from the purview of licensing under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. Given thisposition, information on the number of units (whether for local market or export oriented units) is not maintained centrally. However, as per the Annual Survey of Industries for 1999-2000, the total number of factories in the Food and Beverages sector was 23, 942.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries gives financial assistance by way of grant upto 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas, which include North −Eastern region including Sikkim, ITDP areas, hilly regions, etc., for setting up/modernisation/expansion of food processing industries. Assistance is also extended for the purchase of raw materials from farmers with whom prior agreement i s entered into and subject t o certain conditions. These schemes are project specific and not state specific and hence no state-wise specific programmes have been made for setting up of food processing units.